

OUR OLD CAPITAL

A SUCCESSFUL SILVER TEA FOR A GOOD PURPOSE.

Many Cases of Grip in the Town and Vicinity—Personal and General.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 7.—(Special.)—A silver tea, running two nights, was given this week by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church in Spencer's Hall, and was largely attended. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and presented an attractive appearance. On the first night an admission-fee of any amount over 10 cents was charged, and tea, chocolate, and cake were served free. On the last night a like admission was charged, and the holder of a ticket was entitled to a saucer of cream. In addition to this, a concert was given, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, to which, of course, no admission-fee was charged. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and the music was greatly enjoyed. The same taking part in the concert were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Morecock, Miss Rosa Emory, Mrs. W. C. Jones, Miss Florence Person, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Thomas H. Goddy, Mr. Hopewell, Mr. C. J. Person, and Mr. J. B. Spencer. A neat sum was realized to aid in constructing a vestibule to the church. The ladies met with such success that they expect to repeat the silver tea at some time in the very near future.

THE GRIP. The grip is prevalent here in fact, it is almost as bad as it was several years ago. Many persons are down with it, both in town and the surrounding country.

Mr. Edward W. Warburton, whose home is in James City, was here to-day, and stated that he had just shipped to the Philadelphia and New York market, 12,000 railroad ties, and had contracts for 4,000 cords of pine wood and 1,000 cords of poplar wood.

PERSONAL POINTS. Captain Joseph Simonson, for many years engaged in the oyster business in York county, and known to the trade as the oyster king of York river, has just returned from a lengthy visit to his old home, on Staten Island, N. Y. The captain is much improved by his rest, and invigorated by his northern trip.

Miss Annie Galt left yesterday for New York to visit her sister, Mrs. O. Durand. Miss Galt expects to be absent for some time.

Mrs. William H. E. Morecock is still in Newport News at the bedside of her son, Mr. Edloe Morecock, who has been ill from the grip, but is now improving. Mr. Morecock holds an important position in the Newport News custom-house.

Miss Jennie Hall, of Richmond, is making a stay with the family of her brother, Dr. Leslie Hall, west Francis street.

Mr. Graham Nichol, of Washington, one of our well-known and popular young men, left yesterday for a brief visit to Washington.

OLD POINT. Student Army Officers Visit Admiral Bunch's Squadron.

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., March 7.—(Special.)—The vessels of the North Atlantic squadron are still at anchor in Hampton Roads, awaiting the pleasure of the powers at Washington.

Yesterday afternoon, on invitation of Admiral Bunch, the twenty student-officers on duty at the Artillery School paid a visit to the fleet, to inspect the ships and torpedo equipments. The visitors were very much pleased with what they saw, and regretted that the port did not have anything modern about it, save an 8-inch rifle gun and a 12-inch mortar. However, Congress at last appears to be awaking from its Rip-Van-Winkle sleep, and we may yet have an appropriation for coast-defences before it adjourns.

NOT SO ANXIOUS. Now that the Lenten season is on and the Hygeia Hotel filled with southern visitors, the young officers of the squadron are not near so anxious to go south for feast and merriment as they were last fall—in fact, many of them would like to remain here all summer. The Indiana will sail next week for Port Royal, to be docked and have her bottom cleaned, after which she will fly the flag of Admiral Bunch.

General W. D. Flagg, Chief of Ordnance, and his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Flagg, arrived from Washington this week and registered at the Hygeia. Miss Flagg will spend the Lenten season here with her brother, Lieutenant C. A. F. Flagg, United States Engineer.

PERSONAL. Assistant-Secretary Curtis, of the Treasury Department, spent a few days at the Point during the week.

Miss Carrie Stary, who has been home on a short visit, returned to Washington yesterday.

The Newport News Water Company is extending its line to the Point, to supply the hotels and private residences. They are also trying to get a contract with the City Council, which will be beyond dispute. Further action rests with the City Council, which meets on Tuesday evening.

A SAD SUMMONS. Mr. Walter Forbes, of East End, has received telegraphic notification that his brother, Mr. Lucian Forbes, is critically ill at his home, in North Carolina, and little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Misses Madge and Kate Forbes left yesterday for the bedside of their dying brother. Mr. Lucian Forbes resided here for a brief period, and was highly esteemed by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

BRIEFS. The Union Club gave a dance at Moss's Hall last night, at which about forty couples were present.

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Minister. Mr. Stevenson's wife was a sister of Mr. John Cole, Mr. Tucker Cole, and Mr. Isaac Cole, and aunt of the present Mr. Tucker Cole. It is said that she was a charming and intellectual woman. Dr. Randolph takes pleasure in testifying to her sprightliness and beauty of mind, having on one occasion had the pleasure of reading the manuscript journal of her residence while her husband was Minister to England.

Her friends on Green Mountain sent her several barrels of Albemarle pippins of very fine quality, and she sent a silver bucket filled with the golden fruit, to the Queen. Her Majesty was so pleased and delighted with the apples that she ordered that they should be admitted into the realm free of all duty. Each year for a long time, the Queen sent her order for these apples to the Green mountain. With regard to the Albemarle pippin, Dr. Randolph is certain that he has seen many specimens of the fruit coming from orchards under the Southwest mountains that have ever been grown under the nearer spurs of the Blue Ridge. The trouble, Dr. Randolph believes, is that the orchards under the Southwest mountains have never had the fertilization that they should have had. If they had there would be no such talk as the Albemarle needing a special soil—such as does not exist under the Southwest spurs of the Blue Ridge—the Southwest mountains. The Green mountain is a part of the Southwest mountains.

THE HENRY MYSTERY. Wade Lester Fails to Get Half-Increase Feeling.

MARTINSVILLE, VA., March 7.—(Special.)—Wade Lester, who is charged with the killing of young Davis, after various preliminary motions and efforts to obtain bail before justices of the peace, judges of the County Court and Circuit Court, and after failing in each attempt, is now incarcerated in the county jail, awaiting the action of the grand jury. The feeling against him in the county is intense, and the air is full of all sorts of rumors.

Davis's stomach has been sent to State-Chemist Taylor, at Richmond, for analysis.

Lectures for the University Fund. CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 7.—(Special.)—Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, and General Newton M. Curtis, of New York, have consented to give a number of lectures together for the benefit of the University of Virginia. The first of the series will be delivered in the University chapel on the evening of March 15th.

Colonel A. L. Rivers, owner of "Castle Hill," and father of Princess Troubetzkoy, informed your representative this morning that there is no truth whatever in the report that he had sold "Castle Hill."

Scotland Neck Nuggets. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., March 7.—(Special.)—The Town Commissioners yesterday passed an ordinance that on and after the first day of May, 1896, all persons selling cigarettes in the town of Scotland Neck shall pay a tax of \$50 for the privilege.

Yesterday quarterly conference was held at Williams's chapel, in the country. Rev. W. S. Black, presiding elder of this district, was here on his way to the meeting, and was accompanied from town by Messrs. O. K. Taylor and R. L. Hardy.

A trestle-bridge a few miles from town, on the Scotland Neck branch railroad, was on fire yesterday, and delayed the morning train awhile.

The Town Commissioners yesterday made arrangements for extending Greenwood street, in the northern part of the town.

Mr. W. H. White left for New York yesterday.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SHOPS. To Be Built Near Salisbury, N. C.—Will Cost \$225,000.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 7.—Ground will be broken next Monday for the new shops which the Southern railway will build two miles from the town of Salisbury. The shops are to cost \$225,000. The officials of the railway state that the shops will be completed in six months.

Salisbury is almost precisely midway between Washington and Atlanta, and this is an important reason for locating the shops there. The Southern railway will build a town for its operatives, and will name it North Salisbury. An electric railway will connect it with Salisbury.

Death of Rev. Dr. R. B. Sutton. RALEIGH, N. C., March 7.—Rev. Dr. R. B. Sutton, for many years president of St. Augustine Colored Normal School here, died this evening; aged 76. He recently retired, after having been fifty years an educator.

New Mill in North Carolina. RALEIGH, N. C., March 7.—Contracts have been made for building the Morgan cotton-mill at Laurinburg. The mill will have 100 spindles, and will spin hosiery yarns.

THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN. Lamb's Followers Getting in Some of Their Work—Quay and Morton.

The Republicans opposed to Mr. Edgar Allan as chairman of their City Committee held a justification meeting last night at Custal's Hall. Every ward in the city was represented. Colin T. Payne presided, and John Clinton, Jr., acted as secretary. The following persons, having been recommended by the present committee, were elected precinct chairmen, were nominated to the State Executive Committee, in keeping with the plan of party organization:

Madison Ward—First Precinct, William Madison; Second Precinct, William Custal; Third Precinct, Sidney M. Ellington; Fourth Precinct, R. F. Walker. Monroe Ward—First Precinct, John Whitmore; Second Precinct, Simon Robinson; Third Precinct, O. N. Brown; Fourth Precinct, Richard Carter; Fifth Precinct, William Owens.

Clay Ward—First Precinct, William F. Pumprey; Second Precinct, Asa Miller; Third Precinct, James Patterson; Fourth Precinct, John Hill; Fifth Precinct, Carlo Burton.

Marshall Ward—First Precinct, D. H. Alley; Second Precinct, J. W. Throckmorton; Third Precinct, Anderson Evans.

Jefferson Ward—First Precinct, James T. Frye; Second Precinct, Charles H. Johnson; Third Precinct, Wilson Nash; Fourth Precinct, J. H. Childrey.

Washington Ward—First Precinct, William Winston; Second Precinct, Napoleon Price; Third Precinct, Collin T. Payne; Fourth Precinct, William S. Selden.

The Central Republican Club of Richmond organized about six weeks ago, and was the first to endorse Mr. Murphy, and sent his name to Colonel Lamb for consideration. During all the political trial this club has managed to keep its proceedings from the press. Boy Hon. Levi P. Morton and Senator Quay have solicited their endorsement for their presidential bids.

All of the newly-named precinct chairmen are requested to meet at Custal's on to-morrow night at 7.30 o'clock, to arrange for the organization of the several wards.

For the Virginia Room. Mrs. Thomas A. Brander has been appointed to represent R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, at the annual collection of relics for the Virginia room. This appointment was made at the request of Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison, vice-regent for Virginia.

Have More Free Beds. At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Old Dominion Hospital, in view of the great number of charity applicants, it was determined to increase the number of free beds from seven to fifteen.

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TO-MORROW (Monday), March 9th, we open our first invoice of Spring Productions! With every dollar spent in our store to-morrow we will present a Handsome Gift.

Each Dollar Spent Brings a Present!

Infants' Tan Button, silk bow, real value 75c., our price..... 50c.
Children's Spring-Heel, same style, real value \$1., our price..... 75c.
Children's Tan Button, 9 to 11, two shades, real value \$1.25, our price..... \$1.00
Misses' Tan Button, 12 to 2, two shades, real value \$1.50, our price..... 1.25
Ladies' Tan Button and Lace, Twentieth Century style, worth \$2., our price..... 1.50
Job lot Ladies' Tan Lace..... 1.25
Job lot Misses' and Children's Tan Lace and Button, arranged in stock with special prices on same.
Ladies' Vici Kid Hand-Made Tan Button, worth \$4., our price 3.00
1 lot Misses' Tan Lace, spring heel..... 1.00
Other Spring Attractions—\$2 Hand-Welt Oxfords—1896 styles.
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Peach, 1-year, 2 to 4 feet, 10c. each; 1.25 per dozen; 12 per 100.
Peach, 1-year, 3 to 5 feet, 10c. each; 1.25 per dozen; 12 per 100.
Pear, 1-year, 2 to 4 feet, 10c. each; 1.25 per dozen; 12 per 100.
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